

**Magnolia
Petroleum**

**Stock Prices
Are Irregular
Toward Close**

**Many Securities Fail to Re-
tain Gains Made on Standard
Oil of N. Y. Stock
Dividend Announcement**

The more uncertain character of the Near East news early yesterday was reflected both in the stock market and the foreign exchanges, but the announcement after the markets opened, that the Mudania conference would be resumed, had the effect of lifting quotations from their previous lows. Cable rates on London broke to a low of 4.40%, but rallied to 4.41%, a net loss of three-fourths of a cent to the pound sterling.

While on the Stock Exchange prices were depressed by the morning newspaper reports that the Mudania conference had been halted, the official announcement shortly after the noon hour that directors of the Standard Oil Company of New York had declared a 200 per cent stock dividend, was greeted with a substantial upturn of prices, which, with the exception of a few issues was not maintained up to the close.

The Standard Oil action was reflected more in violent advances on the Curb Exchange than on the "big board." Standard of New Jersey, on the exchange, did rise to a new high of 225, but failed to disclose any net gain at the close. Standard of California ended the session lower, apparently on the assumption that the proposed declaration of a 100 per cent stock dividend had been discounted market-wise.

The irregular final tone at the close was viewed as a normal development, in view of the sustained advance during the preceding sessions of the week, and was regarded by well informed observers as an adjustment which probably would have taken place, despite the character of the outside news. The fact that during a period of four days prices had recovered about 70 per cent of the decline of the previous three weeks was considered as evidence that the upward movement had been too rapid to continue long without irregularity making its appearance.

In the bond market fluctuations were considered of little significance, although early reactions were rule as a result of the character of the foreign news. Later, however, prices firms somewhat.

United States Steel was one of the stocks which maintained a strong tone right up to the close. Estimates of the company's orders at the end of September indicated that there would be the largest increase for any month this year, due largely to the rush of rail buying in the latter days of the month, or just before the price increase of \$3 a ton became effective on October 1.

Cotton after an early reaction, closed 20 to 30 points higher, while wheat, following a firm opening as a result of the less favorable cables regarding the Near East situation, showed a slight recession in the final dealings.

Money and Credit

Call money rates moved up 6 per cent yesterday after renewing at 4% per cent. This was connected with the weekly Federal Reserve Bank statements showing a sharp drop in the reserve ratios, due to the rediscounts secured by government papers and by an expansion of note issues.

Yester- day, ago, Call rates: On industrial collateral... 4.4% 4.5% 4.5% On mixed collateral... 4.4% 4.5% 4.5% Sixty days... 4.4% 4.4% 4.5% Ninety days... 4.4% 4.4% 4.5% Four months... 4.4% 4.4% 4.5% For six months... 4.4% 4.4% 4.5%

Bank Clearings—Bank clearings at New York yesterday were: Exchanges, \$18,000,000; balances, \$91,000,000.

Silver—London, 35.3-16d; New York, domestic bar, 93%; foreign, 69%; Mexican dollars, 52%.

THE DOLLAR IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Exchanges continued narrow in foreign exchange yesterday with the same general trading. Marks again dropped to a new low level, while sterling and Continental rates generally displayed a firmer tone after temporary weakness. Cable rates on London showed a decline of half a cent at the close, however, at 4.41%.

EUROPE

Yester- Previous day, ago, Demand... 4.4% 4.4% 4.4% Call... 4.4% 4.4% 4.4% Bills (buy) 4.4% 4.4% 4.4% 99-d bills (buy) 4.4% 4.4% 4.4%

FRANCE (par 19.3 cents a franc)

Cables... 7.25% 7.25% 7.25% 141/2 106/2 9

BELGIUM (par 13.3 cents a franc)

Demand... 7.10% 7.15% 7.08%

SWITZERLAND (par 19.3 cents a franc)

Demand... 18.69 18.70 17.74

ITALY (par 16.5 cents a lira)

Demand... 4.23 4.21 3.95

HOLLAND (par 40 cents a guilder)

Demand... 33.75 38.74 32.46

GERMANY (par 26 cents a mark)

Demand... 0.4% 0.4% 0.4%

AUSTRIA (par 30 cents a kroner)

Demand... 0.014 0.014 0.014

NORWAY (par 26 cents a kroner)

Demand... 17.68 17.65 13.04

Cables... 16.75 17.67 12.98

Demand... 26.5 26.5 cents a crown

Cables... 22.89 22.83 22.83

DENMARK (par 26.8 cents a crown)

Demand... 13.55 13.55 13.55

SPAIN (par 19.3 cents a peseta)

Cables... 10.25 12.20 13.18

PORTUGAL (par 10.8 cents an escudo)

Cables... 4.10 4.15 4.00

GREECE (par 13.3 cents a drachma)

Cables... 2.65 4.30 4.35

POLAND (par 23.8 cents a mark)

Demand... 0.011 0.011 0.012

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (par 20 cents a crown)

Cables... 2.25 2.28 2.28

FAR EAST

Cables... 2.25 2.28 2.28

CHINA (Shanghai, par 10 cents)

Demand... 57.00 57.00 57.00

Cables... 57.00 57.00 57.00

CHINA (Hongkong par 10 cents)

Demand... 100 100 100

Cables... 100 100 100

INDIA (Calcutta, par 10 cents)

Demand... 400 400 400

Cables... 400 400 400

LEBANON (par 10 cents)

Demand... 100 100 100

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EGYPT (par 10 cents)

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